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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PPDC, SA
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KING KHALID TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER ON APRIL 12 FROM KING KHALID TO
PRESIDENT CARTER. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION.

2. BWGIN TEXT. HIS EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES. YOUR EXCELLENCY: I AM FOLLOWING WITH
GREAT INTEREST YOUR CONCERTED EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE
IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. YOUR EXCELLENCY IS NOT UNAWARE THAT WORLD PEACE IS
AN INSEPARABLE WHOLE. THUS, ITS DISTURBANCE IN ANY REGION
OF THE WORLD INEVITABLE AFFECTS OTHER REGIONS DIRECTLY OF
INDIRECTLY. THEREFORE, MY ANXIETY IS INCREASING AT
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND AT THE DEFERRING
OF YOUR AID TO SOMALIA AFTER IT OBEYED YOUR ADVICE AND
WITHDREW ITS ARMY FROM THE OGADEN REGION AT YOUR REQUEST.

3. YOU HAVE ASKED THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA TO WITHDRAW
THEIR ARMIES FROM ETHIOPIA AFTER SOMALIA WITHDREW ITS
ARMY FROM OGADEN, BUT THIS REQUEST HAS MET NO RESPONSE.
THE INFORMATION WHICH HAS REACHED US AFFIRMS THAT
CUBA IS STRENGTHENING ITS HOLD ON THE OGADEN IN PREPARA-
TION FOR FURTHER ATTACKS AGAINST SOMALIA ITSELF.

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4. ALSO, THE LATEST NEWS PREORTS THAT THERE ARE ATTACKS
BEING PLOTTED AGAINST ERITREA BY THE CUBAN ARMY STATIONED
IN ETHIOPIA.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT DELAYING AID TO SOMALIA ON THE PART
OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN NATIONS IS ENCOUR-

AGING THE SOVIET UNION TO CARRY OUT ITS PLANS IN AFRICA
THROUGH ITS CLIENT CUBA. THEN AID WOULD BE
FUTILE EVEN IF SOMALIA DID NOT THROW HERSELF ONCE
AGAIN INTO THE ARMS OF THE SOVIETS AFTER GETTING OUT OF
THEIR ORBIT--AND WE HAVE PERCEIVED THAT THERE ARE SOMALI
ELEMENTS CALLING FOR THAT. THEREFORE, I URGE YOUR EXCEL-
LENCY TO LEND THIS SUBJECT YOUR GREAT ATTENTION, FOR I
HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT YOU COMPLETELY APPRECIATE THE
GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AND ITS DIRECT RESULTS O OUR
REGION.

6. DESIRING HEALTH AND APPINESS FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY.
GOD PROTECT YOU. (SIGNED) KHALID IBN ABD AL-AZIZ AL
SAUD, RIYDAH, APRIL 11,1978. END TEXT.

7. EMBASSY IS SENDING ORIGINAL LETTER BY POUCH.
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